

PITH AND POINT.

The mother who starts to get a sleepy boy out of bed these mornings may be said to have a rousing time of it. —Philadelphia Record.

"Kate!" "The bride's uncle gave her away." "Bessie!" "Could he get anything for her?" "Kate!" "No. Nothing but a husband." —Vogue.

"Goodness me, Johnny! What are you crying about now?" "Cause Tommy dreamed about eatin' pie last night and I didn't." —Indianapolis Journal.

"My new cook is a jewel." said Mrs. Hicks. "She can take a few old chicken bones and a little veal and make a fine terrapin stew out of them." —Harper's Bazar.

—Except in Case of Fire.—Papa: "Wonder how it is night shirts last longer than dress shirts?" Mamma: "Because you can't wear them out." —Clothing's Weekly.

Penelope: "It's dreadful! Papa wants me to marry a man I have never seen." "Pardieu! That's nothing! My father wants me to marry a man I have seen." —P. & S. S. Co.'s Bulletin.

First Footpad: "What'er ye followin' a messenger boy for?" He haint got no money." Second Footpad: "Hush—sh! He's got a bunch of violets, an' that's just the same." —Inter-Ocean.

German Students' Time.—A: "Are you going to attend the lectures on botany from seven to eight a.m.?" B: "Nonsense! I go to no lectures in the middle of the night!" —Fliegende Blätter.

Uncle John: "What still studying, Nellie? They give you hard lessons to learn, I fear." Nellie: "Yes, Uncle John, they are hard to learn, but then, you know, they are awfully easy to forget." —Boston Transcript.

Maud: "I don't see how you can marry a man like the count, who is marrying you only for your money." Marie: "He does not put it that way. He says he is marrying my money only for me." —Brandon Banner.

A Sharp Eloper.—The Long Island man who eloped with his mother-in-law showed remarkable acumen. When he gets ready to be forgiven and taken back to the home nest the mother-in-law will not be in it. —Indianapolis Journal.

Modest Merit.—Manager: "You claim, sir, to have every qualification of a first-rate actor." Hamlet de Hamphat: "Well, perhaps I ought to mention the fact that I am slightly deaf—the result of so much applause, you know." —Truth.

Spacery: "I shall have to change that obituary of Joblots." Editor: "What is wrong with it?" Spacery: "It says she died in the 'attitude of prayer.' It turns out that she broke a blood-vessel while looking under the bed for his collar-button."

A Bed That Would Raise Corns.—"I was going to bed the other night at my hotel at Sea Beach, when a streak of lightning came in through the window and struck my mattress." "What was the effect?" "Bent the lightning double." —Seattle Soundings.

"We don't see much of you now." "No, I'm studying to pass an examination for a letter-carrier's position." "What are you studying?" The structure and origin of the Egyptian pyramids. You see I have to pass a civil-service examination. —N. Y. Press.

"How did you like the sermon?" asked the minister of a young man. "Oh, I liked some parts of it first-rate," was the reply. "Your remarks about sins of omission didn't hit me, but when you talked about those of commission I must say you were getting pretty close." —Washington Star.

Even in the Suburbs They're Particular.—"Could you give me something to eat, ma'am?" humbly asked a tramp in the suburbs of Boston of the stern-visaged woman who opened the kitchen door. "Yes, said the stern-visaged woman, as she energetically closed the door in his face and locked it with a jerk. "I could." —Somerville Journal.

OLD-TIME HOSPITALITY.

A Trait Which Is Prominent in Old Virginia.

"On a bright summer morning early in the eighth century, with my father I left Berryville, in Clarke county, and drove east across the Shenandoah river, up the road to Stony River, to the Blue Ridge. There we turned south to visit a point where a shooting affair had occurred, in which my father was interested as an attorney. On account of the many winding roads we became lost and drove beyond the place we expected to reach. In a short time, however, we heard a rooster crowing, and going a short distance saw a mountain farm."

"We drove up, and were greeted by an old gentleman who was at least four scores and two. His home was a simple one, but the right royal welcome he gave us was as cheering as a rock in a weary land," and as free from deception as dross is foreign to tempered steel. The patriot was a great admirer of "Old Hickory," and had strong views about the affairs of the day."

There hung his rusty rifle over the door, and everything showed a sign of rural independence. A large dagger was sticking between the upper floor and one of the joists.

"I had that made," he said, "for some of our soldiers, but it was never used. The women folks got hold of it here last spring and chopped pie sticks with it and dulled it up. Just like 'em, though." "The next morning we arose and were unable to find a comb or brush."

When we asked our friend about it he said: "Why, can't you find it? I bought a comb directly after the war, but I reckon the women have been using it, and there's no tellin' where it is. Women are a heap o' trouble about such things."

"Despite these facts, that afternoon dinner, supper by early candle-light, and breakfast near the rising of the sun will long be remembered. That old ham, oven-baked biscuits, solid butter, clover honey, rich milk, blackberry preserves, ice-cold water from the mountain spring, and those kind hearts have ever since been tempting us to return once again to the spot where we learned that 'Old Virginia Hospitality' is as native to our humble homes as it is to our richly-furnished mansions with their marble halls." —Richmond Dispatch.

Wanted Them Nice.

Little Dot: "We is goin' to have a picnic party at Dotty Dimple's next week. Will you make me a lot of cakes an' things to take?"

Mamma: "Certainly, my pet."

Little Dot: "Make 'em real nice, 'cause things always is mixed up on 'er table and I may get some myself." —Good News.

DOMESTIC CONCERNS.

—Delicious Almond Cakes: Take the whites of six eggs, one pound of pulverized sugar, an ounce of ground cinnamon, a pound of almonds, blanched and chopped fine, and the grated rind of one lemon. Mix all together until quite stiff; roll moderately thin, using as little flour as possible; cut in the shape of stars, and bake in a very slow oven. —Ladies' Home Journal.

—Fried Beef: If you get it at the market ask them to shave it for you, as they have a machine on purpose. If you have your own home-cured dried beef use sugar knife, and cut it into small pieces very thin, mix together butter and flour until smooth, put in a stewpan and pour a little hot water over it, put the beef in the spider and stew slowly a few moments, pour out on a platter and serve. —N. Y. Observer.

—Curried Oysters: Bring the oyster liquor to a boil and add a quart of oysters in it, letting them simmer a few seconds. Take them out with a skimmer, and thicken the liquor with a tablespoonful of butter, rubbed smooth with two of browned flour. Stir into a teaspoonful of curry powder, moistened with a little cold water. Season with a little lemon juice, returning the oysters to the sauce. —Boston Budget.

—Fruit Blanc Manger: This can be made of canned or stewed raspberries, mashed peaches, plums, nectarines or apricots. Sweeten well and bring to boiling point. Allow one tablespoonful of cornstarch or arrowroot to each cup of fruit (unless the fruit is little juice), wet with cold water, stir into the boiling sauce. Dip cups in cold water and fill with the fruit; set away to cool. Whipped cream is our favorite dressing for this dessert. —Housekeeper.

—Cup Cake: One cup of butter, two cups of sugar, three cups of flour, four eggs. Beat the butter to a cream, adding the sugar gradually, beating all the while. Beat the eggs, whites and yolks together, till they are very light; add them gradually to the butter and sugar and beat the whole vigorously. Then add the sifted flour and beat all well together again. Line a round cake-tin with buttered paper, pour in the cake and bake in a moderate oven for an hour and a quarter. This cake is universal at tea-parties in America. —Black and White.

—Boiled Potatoes: Remove the skin of uniform-sized potatoes with a sharp knife and let them stand in cold water an hour. (Several hours will improve them.) Boil in water, especially during the late fall and spring. To each quart of water allow an even tablespoonful of salt, and bring to a boil before entering the potatoes. Cover closely and boil steadily, but rather slowly, until tender. Drain dry, remove the cover half way to allow the steam to escape, and place the potatoes on the back of the range. At the expiration of this time, if not ready to serve, cover closely with a folded napkin to retain the heat. —Country Gentleman.

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AGRICULTURAL HINTS.

VAST EXTRAVAGANCE.

Novel Exposition of a Road System Which Wastes Many Millions.

About 500,000 acres of land have been taken from the farmers of Illinois for roads. This strictly for country roads, not including city and village streets. This land, at \$40 per acre, is worth \$20,000,000.

Is \$40 per acre a fair estimate? Roads are most numerous near cities, where the land is worth \$1,000 per acre, and much more is worth \$500 per acre, also near villages, where the land is worth from \$150 to \$200 per acre. Much more land is worth \$100 per acre. Other land is worth from \$10 to \$30 per acre. A fair average for the whole state, therefore, is not far from \$40 per acre.

All the roads in Illinois are by law four rods wide. But not one-fifth of the roads are actually utilized for a space more than two rods wide. In many cases the space used is not over one rod wide to twenty feet of length. The rest—the part not actually used—is wasted. Worse than wasted—it is the great public breeding ground of all the noxious weeds and destructive insects and worms that injure the agriculture of Illinois.

Therefore this waste land is a positive danger, causing an annual loss of millions of dollars to the state.

If this unused land were all cultivated, its profit would probably equal the entire annual cost of road maintenance.

If the roads of Illinois were so classified that there would be only a few great roads occupying four rods in width; most of the important roads occupying only two rods in width, and all important roads occupying only one rod.

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COTTON—Middleling.....	4 80 @ 5 20
BEEF—Choice Steers.....	4 30 @ 5 70
HOGS—Fair to Choice.....	7 25 @ 8 00
SHEEP—Fair to Choice.....	3 75 @ 5 50
FLOUR—Patents.....	3 35 @ 3 50
WHEAT—No. 2.....	81 00 @ 82 50
CORN—No. 2.....	38 @ 40
OATS—No. 2.....	38 @ 40
HAY—Choice Timothy.....	1 10 @ 1 15
BUTTER—Choice Dairy.....	20 @ 24
EGGS—Fresh.....	10 @ 12 50
BAKED—Clear Hbs.....	10 @ 12 50
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CHICAGO.	
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PRETTY AND FASHIONABLE.

Light silks for spring wear are made up with accordion-plaited skirts and plaited waists.

Silk, cloth and velvet cloaks are elaborately trimmed with rich bead and silk embroidery.

Bands of narrow velvet, with rasette bows, trim the skirts of semi-dress and evening costumes.

New waists show the fronts cut away in the shape of the fashionable dress-vest. Inside of this is a front of shirred material, embroidery, passementerie, or the same goods finished with an edging of needlework.

A skirt of plain bengaline, trimmed with bands of embroidery, is worn with a pointed bodice of velvet. Very wide-embroidered ruchings turn back from the neck, falling over the shoulders and front, and crossing at the back with a slight curve.

A DEFT-HANDED and thrifty Phyllis has made herself soft pretty little folds for the neck and sleeves of her best gown. She pulled to pieces a crumpled crepe lace ruffle and stitched it in graduated plain bands of three widths to the old heading. The crumple did not show in the least and the effect was very pleasing.

THE POSTAL SERVICE.

ENGLAND received about 10,057,600 letters from the United States last year. Germany received from us \$5,525,040 letters, and France 1,884,040.

The postal savings bank system was inaugurated in Great Britain in 1859. On March 31, 1891, the deposits numbered 8,776,560 amounting to more than \$190,000,000.

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In cases of confusion to call comets "celestial tramps," and to talk of their striking the earth. Tramps never work, and therefore can't strike. —Philadelphia Times.

USE BROWN'S BRONCHIAL TROCHES for Coughs, Colds and all other Throat Troubles. "Pre-eminently the best." —McC. Henry Ward Beecher.

"PAPA," said Willie, "do they name that place in the Sandwich Islands Honeyville because there's so much sugar there?" Harper's Bazar.

CURE your cough with Hale's Honey of Horehound and Tar. Coughs, Colds, Hoarseness, Sore Throat, Whooping Cough, Asthma, Hay Fever, and all other Throat Troubles. Cures in one minute.

NOTHING hurts us like disinterested kindness, when we know that we do not deserve it. —Ram a Horn.

OYE dose of Beecham's Pill relieves sick headache in 30 minutes. For sale by all druggists. 25 cents a box.

MOTHER-IN-LAW—"Ugh! you haven't the manners of a pig!" SON-IN-LAW—"You have!" —Judy.

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Both the method and results when Syrup of Figs is taken; it is pleasant and refreshing to the taste, and acts gently yet promptly on the Kidneys, Liver and Bowels, cleanses the system effectually, dispels colds, head-aches and fevers, and cures habitual constipation. Syrup of Figs is the only remedy of its kind ever produced, pleasing to the taste and acceptable to the stomach, prompt in its action and truly beneficial in its effects, prepared only from the most healthy and agreeable substances, its many excellent qualities commend it to all and have made it the most popular remedy known.

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Perhaps you think that some of the imitations of Pearline, that you'd be afraid to use in washing clothes, would do just as well in work like this. They wouldn't hurt tinware, certainly. But they wouldn't clean it, either, half as well as Pearline—besides, "don't play with the fire." If your grocer sends you an imitation, be honest—send it back.

Rev. H. P. CARSON, Scotland, Dak., says: "Two bottles of Hall's Catarrh Cure completely cured my little girl."

W. H. GRIFFIN, Jackson, Michigan, writes: "Suffered with Catarrh for fifteen years, Hall's Catarrh Cure cured me."